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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Teen girl critical in Halloween hit-and-run; police offer reward up to \$2,500**

Howard County police are asking for the public's help to locate a dark-colored vehicle with damage to the driver's side headlight that investigators believe struck a 17-year-old girl, leaving her in critical condition.

Nursen Esabel Akinci, of Columbia, was struck by an unknown vehicle traveling eastbound on Route 108 just east of Phelps Luck Drive in the early morning hours after Halloween, around 1:36 a.m. on Nov. 1. Police believe Akinci stopped her Honda Civic on northbound Phelps Luck Drive at Route 108 and she and another teen exited the car to run across the roadway to a Royal Farms store. Akinci was struck; the other pedestrian was not injured. The striking vehicle fled the scene.

Police are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for any information in the case. Anyone who sees or knows of a dark-colored sedan, small SUV or crossover vehicle with front-end damage, including the driver's side headlight, is urged to contact police at 410-313-STOP or [HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:HCPDcrimetips@howardcountymd.gov).

If you spot this car or have seen one in your area, investigators are asking you to notify police immediately. The investigation is ongoing.

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